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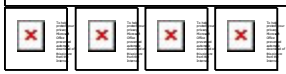

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Mysterious boulders appear on West LA sidewalk as apparent deterrent to homeless encampments

It's a mystery: No one knows who placed dozens of heavy boulders under a West LA overpass in an apparent effort to deter homeless encampments.

By Miriam Hernandez

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 10:39PM

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Someone placed dozens of heavy boulders on a West Los Angeles sidewalk under an overpass in an apparent effort to deter homeless encampments.

WEST LOS ANGELES (KABC) -- The work of anti-homeless vigilantes is suspected in the overnight placement of dozens of massive boulders on a West Los Angeles sidewalk.

"It was a shock. I had never seen an example of 'hostile architecture' that was so blatant and honestly obtrusive," said Dan Donohue with the fair housing advocacy group Koreatown for All.

It would have taken heavy equipment to transport and place the rocks where they were found on the 8800 block of Cattauragus Avenue beneath the I-10 freeway.

Volunteers muscled many out of the way.

"I would say that the lighter ones were probably 80 pounds. Most of them probably range from 200 to 500 pounds," estimated Donohue.

Social media posts blame members of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council. The organization sent out a tweet denying any involvement.

"For the record, the SORO NC never voted on or discussed the installation of these rocks," it stated.

The city councilman for the district issued a statement:

"This is wrong on so many levels. My team and I are working on getting these removed ASAP," said Councilman Herb Wesson.

Feedback on the social media posts is mixed. While many people condemn the action, others praise it - including a neighbor Jesus Nieto who often walks with his toddler nearby.

"There has been a lot of fighting, a lot of trash and a lot of people go around because they don't want to walk under the bridge," says Nieto.

Advocates appeal for compassion. The underpass is a shady place where people with no homes could escape the scorching heat.

Donohue says using the effort and money to haul in the rocks doesn't help anyone.

"We need to start working toward actual solutions rather than moving the problem out of sight, out of mind and making it worse which is what hostile architecture like those boulders is doing."

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To: Christopher Baker;Jose Bermudez
Cc: Scott Alpert
Subject: Fwd: media request: comment, boulders in cattaraugus tunnel

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FYI. We will need to discuss again.

Captain Jonathan Tom
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> **Subject: Fw: media request: comment, boulders in cattaraugus tunnel**
>
> Good morning Sir. Are you available to accommodate this request? Thank you in advance.
>
> Officer Drake Madison #33997
> Los Angeles Police Department
> Public Communications Group
> Media Relations Division
> 100 West 1st Street
> Los Angeles, CA 90012
> [http://tel:2134865910](213) 486-5910
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Hello,

I'm David Mendez, a reporter with Spectrum News 1. I'm working on a story about an incident in which a group of residents placed dozens of boulders in the Cattaraugus tunnel, a freeway underpass between Venice Boulevard and South Robertson Boulevard (approx.. 8700-8800 block of Cattaraugus Ave.). I believe that the rocks were placed in the tunnel on Sunday, Sept. 6.

In a Zoom meeting, dated Aug. 12, 2020, between members of the community and officials of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, resident Peter Iliff stated his plan to place boulders in the tunnel, with the intent of deterring homeless encampments, without permitting (stating "it's better to ask forgiveness than permission"). He then states that LAPD West Bureau Officers Christopher Baker and Jose Bermudez were aware of his plan to place the rocks in the tunnel. (Officers Baker and Bermudez are named at approximately 29:30 in the video linked below.)

8/12/20 Zoom video link: https://zoom.us/rec/share/t2Imx0rtVVR4RphSjivUZI4aIHvxQGQKStO4BaKjtZvijbDOomx2Pa5uI9C9qRaq.SjvIc4SJ0IAdRwj0
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On a Sept. 8 Zoom meeting hosted by the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, Iliff publicly stated that he was responsible for placing the boulders in the tunnel. When the call began, Officer Baker was among the parties in attendance.

At 2:07 p.m. on Sept. 9, I called Officer Baker to ask if he was previously aware of the plan to place the boulders. He said that he wasn't. I informed him of Iliff's statement in the recorded video, and asked him again. Baker referred me to LAPD Media Relations Division.

My question is: Were Officers Baker and Bermudez aware that Illif was planning to place boulders in the Cattaraugus Tunnel? Were they aware that he was planning to do so without a permit? Has LAPD since contacted him regarding the boulders?

Thank you,

David Mendez

Digital Journalist
Spectrum News 1 SoCal
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Good afternoon Liz,

I understand there are efforts underway to remove the boulders within the 24 hours. Please have the violator sweep the area and make sure there are no trip and fall hazards and send us photos of the completed removal. Thank you.

Karen

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Cc: Epstein Martin;Stein Charlie;Berman Joni;Blaker Ken;Levine Barry;Navar Kristal;Lynn Micheal;Weston Jared;Bloom Richard;Brand Jonathan;Dioum Gloria;Kasbarian Gary;Lieder Shevy;Gomes Terrence;Burden Susan;Peng Paula;Fink Dan;Reiman David;Chocron Steve;Koretz Paul;Mayor Helpdesk;Theung Linda
Subject: RE: GRATITUDE for Cattaraugus Tunnel Clean-Up!

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Good Morning

I have contacted Elizabeth Carlin over at CD 10 to inquire on if approval was given for the installation of the "rocks". I have also received reports of graffiti by activist that came to remove the rocks last night. I will complete a crime report for that and will seek video of the incident.

Based upon the answer I received from CD 10, will determine how or if an additional investigation will be completed.

Senior Lead Officer Christopher Baker
Serial No. 39796
Basic Car 8A95
Telephone: [redacted]
Email: 39796@lapd.online

From: Jessica Barclay-Strobel <jessicab@soronc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Peter Iliff <[redacted]>
Cc: Epstein Martin <martinepstein@soronc.org>; Stein Charlie <charliestein@soronc.org>; Berman Joni <jonliberman@soronc.org>; Blaker Ken <kenblaker@soronc.org>; Levine Barry <barryelevine@soronc.org>; Navar Kristal <krystalnavar@soronc.org>; Lynn Micheal <michaellynn@soronc.org>; Weston Jared <jaredweston@soronc.org>; Bloom Richard <richardbloom@soronc.org>; Brand Jonathan <jonathanbrand@soronc.org>; Dioum Gloria <gloriadioum@soronc.org>; Kasbarian Gary <garykasbarian@soronc.org>; Lieder Shevy <shevylieder@soronc.org>; Gomes Terrence <terrencegomes@soronc.org>; Burden Susan <susanburden@soronc.org>; Peng Paula <paulapeng@soronc.org>; Fink Dan <danfink@soronc.org>; Reiman David <davidreiman@soronc.org>; Chocron Steve <stevechocron@soronc.org>; Koretz Paul <paul.koretz@lacity.org>; Mayor Helpdesk <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>; Christopher Baker <39796@lapd.online>; Theung Linda <Lindatheung@soronc.org>
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Peter, let's stick with email. As you choose this forum already to express your views, surely you can answer my question here?

On Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 6:11 PM Peter Iliff <[redacted]> wrote:

> Hey Jessica
> My number is [redacted]
> Happy to chat with you.
>
> I rwplied to Olga and gave her my number as well.
> Have not heard back from her.
>
> -p
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> On Sep 8, 2020, at 5:57 PM, Jessica Barclay-Strobel <jessicab@soronc.org> wrote:
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> Hi Peter,
>
> Could you please tell us who gave you my private phone number and the private email addresses in the email you sent below? As a heads up, you can contact women who serve on SORO (even women you disagree with) the same way you contact men: via their official email addresses listed on SORO's website.
>
> I've removed from this email the private email addresses of the women you contacted.
>
> On Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 4:27 PM Olga Lexell wrote:
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> > Hi Peter, following up to figure out where you got my personal email address – the only possible way this happened is if a member of the board forwarded you my complaint about this issue. Additionally, I noticed that in your comment you framed it as if you had no involvement in this and are just a member of the public expressing gratitude. When I googled your name, you came up as one of the organizers of the gofundme to raise money for "beautifying" the tunnel. https://www.gofundme.com/f/cattaraugus-tunnel-safety-amp-beautification-project/donations
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Good morning Elizabeth,

As we discussed yesterday, at this time we are requiring the violator(s) to remove the illegally dumped commercial quantities of rock from obstructing the right of way by 3 pm today, Thursday September 10, 2020.
I am cc'ing the Illegal Dumping Enforcement officer on this email.

Thank you.

Lt. Bowie

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To: <elizabeth.carlin@lacity.org>

Liz,

Yay! It appears we can remove the boulders tomorrow. I will make the 24 hr window.

My attorney, Lou Shapiro, asks that you ask Dt. Karen Bowie if she will be satisfied?

AND NO POLICE REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED FOR FILING TO ANY PROSECUTOR.

Say those exact words
I need this in writing.

Can you do that for me?
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By Miriam Hernandez

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WEST LOS ANGELES (KABC) -- The work of anti-homeless vigilantes is suspected in the overnight placement of dozens of massive boulders on a West Los Angeles sidewalk.

"It was a shock. I had never seen an example of 'hostile architecture' that was so blatant and honestly obtrusive," said Dan Donohue with the fair housing advocacy group Koreatown for All.

It would have taken heavy equipment to transport and place the rocks where they were found on the 8800 block of Cattauragus Avenue beneath the I-10 freeway.

Volunteers muscled many out of the way.

"I would say that the lighter ones were probably 80 pounds. Most of them probably range from 200 to 500 pounds," estimated Donohue.

Social media posts blame members of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council. The organization sent out a tweet denying any involvement.

"For the record, the SORO NC never voted on or discussed the installation of these rocks," it stated.

The city councilman for the district issued a statement:

"This is wrong on so many levels. My team and I are working on getting these removed ASAP," said Councilman Herb Wesson.

Feedback on the social media posts is mixed. While many people condemn the action, others praise it - including a neighbor Jesus Nieto who often walks with his toddler nearby.

"There has been a lot of fighting, a lot of trash and a lot of people go around because they don't want to walk under the bridge," says Nieto.

Advocates appeal for compassion. The underpass is a shady place where people with no homes could escape the scorching heat.

Donohue says using the effort and money to haul in the rocks doesn't help anyone.

"We need to start working toward actual solutions rather than moving the problem out of sight, out of mind and making it worse which is what hostile architecture like those boulders is doing."

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Cc: Seyla Te
Subject: Re: Cattaraugas underpass

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Good afternoon Liz,

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To: Peter
Cc: Martin Epstein; Charlie Stein; Joni Berman; Ken Blaker; Barry Levine; Kristal Navar; Linda Theung; Micheal Lynn; Jared Weston; Richard Bloom; Jonathan Brand; Gloria Dioum; Jessica B; Gary Kasbarian; Shevy Lieder; Terrence Gomes; Susan Burden; Paula Peng; Dan Fink; David Reiman; Steve Chocron; Paul Koretz; Mayor Helpdesk; Christopher Baker
Subject: Re: GRATITUDE for Cattaraugus Tunnel Clean-Up!

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Hi Peter, may I ask where you obtained my personal email address?

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-p

Sent by W. Peter Iliff
@wpeteriliff

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Olga Lexell
Writers' Assistant/Script Coordinator
C: [redacted]

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To: Jose Bermudez
Subject: FW: GRATITUDE for Cattaraugus Tunnel Clean-Up!

Categories: responsive

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From: Christopher Baker
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Jose Bermudez
Subject: FW: SORO NC Public Safety Committee Meeting - Aug 3, 2020

Categories: responsive

From: Peter Iliff
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 1:51:31 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
To: Michael Lynn
Cc: SORO NC Public Safety Chair; Christopher Baker; Chris Ragsdale; Veronica De La Cruz; Elizabeth Carlin; Elizabeth Garcia; brian.wilson@lacity.org; lafdbattalion18@lacity.org
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Public Safety Committee Chair
310-845-9595

[redacted]
MichaelLynn@soronc.org

From: Chris Ragsdale
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Jose Bermudez
Subject: FW: SORO NC Public Safety Committee Meeting - Aug 3, 2020

Categories: [redacted] responsive

From: Michael Lynn [mailto:michaellynn@soronc.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 1:43 PM
To: SORO NC Public Safety Chair <publicsafetychair@soronc.org>
Cc: Christopher Baker <39796@lapd.online>; Chris Ragsdale <26690@lapd.online>; Veronica De La Cruz <veronica.delacruz-robles@lacity.org>; Elizabeth Carlin <elizabeth.carlin@lacity.org>; Elizabeth Garcia <elizabeth.garcia@lacity.org>; brian.wilson@lacity.org; lafdbattalion18@lacity.org
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To: Jose Bermudez
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